

Remarks

This application is a divisional application of pending United States patent application number 09/827,998 filed April 6, 2001, and is directed to the non-elected subject matter in the parent application. Applicants herein cancel without prejudice claims 1 – 16, 18 – 29, 31, 34, and 36. Applicants have added new claims 37 - 53. Support for the claims newly added by amendment may be found throughout the specification, including the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to cross reference the parent application of which the instant application is a divisional. Applicants have also amended the second paragraph of the specification to update the file information regarding the sequence listing.

The blanks left in the specification for the biological deposit accession numbers have been completed by this amendment. Support for these amendments may be found in the letter from the ATCC, a copy of which is filed herewith, noting the patent deposit designations for the deposited strains.

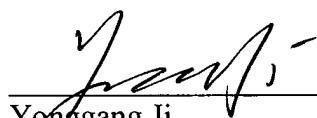
The specification has also been amended so that it conforms with changes made to the figure labels in the formal drawings. The changes were necessary to correct informalities in the drawings as filed. No new matter is added as a result of the correction of these informalities. Applicant respectfully requests that the attached twenty-eight (28)

sheets of formal drawings replace the twenty-eight (28) sheets of informal drawings originally filed.

No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are fairly based on the specification, and respectfully request their entry.

Respectfully submitted,



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